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(U) IR forwards translation (rough in parts) of BG Jorge Olivera Róvere's (Argentine Army) eulogy speech at burial of recently assassinated Major Keller (Argentine Army) (See IR (b)(3):10 USC 424

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1. (U) Burial of Major (promoted post-mortem) Keller who was assassinated on 18 Aug 75 (See IR (b)(3):10 USC 424 was held at Parana (2705S-6428W) where his body was flown by a military plane from Buenos Aires. Director of the Superior School of War, BG(Argentine Army) Jorge Olivera Rovere delivered the eulogy.

2. A translation, rough in parts, of eulogy text follows:

"One soldier more has died strengthening with his name the long list of those who offer their life in the efforts behind the irrenounceable ideals to which we feel

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dedicated so that Argentina may enjoy law and order.

Another soldier has fallen with his chest bullet-ridden - a heroic soldier from a generation that responds with total dedication and valor to the call of its nation against the lack of conscience, absolute blindness. and the insane state (of the guerrillas) which gives way to hideous crime.

The repetition of these acts is evidence that we are confronted with a cunning enemy, incapable of recognizing signs that cause solutions rather than difficulties, on the road our nation deserves and should travel.

Your army comrades, fraternally sharing in the pain of this final separation, come to accompany you, trying to sustain the strengths necessary to console your loved ones, the principal innocent victims of the enemies' artistry. In facing this enemy, who is, rather than a political criminal, a cold-blooded murderer, we cannot afford to vascilate - there is only one answer: total and complete annihilation.

Because of this Major Keller, you know that there will be no peace until the foes of peace are themselves buried. We shall be unable to face the verdict of history until ideological instigators, perjurers, traitors and material assasins and their accomplices disappear forever.

This country will not have a place among the free nations of the world until we have realized the urgencies of the injustices, and until we see that all the resources of the Republic (Argentina) are directed to maintaining order in an atmosphere of Christian freedom. Our bodies shall not rest, our spirits shall not abate until each guilty person receives punishment for his crime. Neither for the guilty, nor for the false preachers of imagined paradises, who create a tolerance for crime, shall there be pardon.

Our arms shall not be reduced while we have life, until the cannons silence our will to conquer this enemy. Your tomb shall not remain an empty symbol. Your young sacrificed body shall be as a torch signal serving as a constant alert reminder to your brother soldiers, and to awaken some sleeping consciences which even now confuse the right to live in peace with the "open door" policy to kill with impunity.

(This paragraph rough:) We will act within our fullest, lawful right, and if we put aside our impetus and fight when the order is to fight, unitedly carrying out the orders given for the benefit of all soldiers, to guarantee the blessings of liberty and social order which are appropriates for a civilized nation... if we wear the soldier's uniform with honor, and if this uniform represents a guarantee in the fight against the agitators of chaos and promoters of spurious ideologies...if we arrest the power of the enemy force in order to provide it with understanding when we see sincerity and patriotism on our Argentine soil, and for this perhaps it is necessary yet to shed much blood, but we choose it to be the blood of our enemy and not that of our soldiers in a vain holocaust...

If we bury our dead peacefully when we know they are dying so as to strengthen true national peace...Only then are we able to say to you, Major Keller, "rest in peace.""

CMT (~~S/NFD~~) BG Rovere is known to be a plain spoken person. However, his strong address calling for annihilation of terrorists, on the occassion of Major Keller's funeral may reflect more than his own personal attitudes. As the Director of the Superior War School he presides over the largest concentration of middle grade Army officers, and his eulogy, made in the presence of Army Commander-in-Chief Laplane probably reflects the feelings of that group.

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